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1. Between July and September 1953, a new large fuel depot was opened near the newly constructed railroad station at Malaszewicze (S 53/M 77). The depot was about 2 km south of Kobylany and 2.5 km east of the Malaszewicze railroad station on the Warsaw-Brest Litovsk railroad line. The distance from this railroad line to the northern edge of the fuel depot was about 1.5 km. A standard gauge and a Soviet gauge spur track extended from the railroad station to the dump, which was also connected by road to Terespol. Work on the construction of the dump began in 1950. ¹ 25X1
2. The depot consisted of an administrative building, a single-story reinforced pumping station measuring 50 x 15 meters, four large tanks each with a capacity of 300,000 liters and 16 small fuel tanks, each with a capacity of 100,000 liters. All the tanks, which were 2 or 3 meters below the surface, were surrounded by a reinforced concrete shell about 15 cm thick. The surface above the tanks was covered with grass and shrubbery. The tanks were arranged in a line from north to south. Connections for the mechanical loading and unloading of railroad tank cars were available. Between July and September 1953, trains consisting of 40 to 50 railroad tank cars each continuously arrived or left the installation. It appeared that the depot was a fuel-transshipping point but the origin of the fuel could not be determined. ² a special fuel was stored and transloaded at the installation. 25X1
3. The fuel depot was directly subordinate to the Centrala Produktow Naftowych (Central Agency in Charge of Petroleum Products) (CPN). The chief of the depot was a Polish engineer called Kushn (fnu). No military personnel appeared to be assigned to the administration of the depot, but commissions including Polish Army and Air Force officers occasionally visited the installation. ³ The depot was guarded by armed factory police and was surrounded by a double fence of barbed wire which was lighted at night. 25X1
1. Comment. The present report supports the assumption that a major supply base is being set up along the line where the standard gauge 25X1

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and Soviet gauge railroad systems meet. Many reports indicated that the railroad facilities available in this area are continuously being improved with special stress being laid on the possibility of transloading commodities directly from railroad car to railroad car.

2.  Comment. These data indicate that the new fuel depot has a storage capacity of 2,300 cubic meters. This capacity appears too small in view of the probable importance of the installation. 25X1
3.  Comment. The reported fact that the fuel depot is apparently under civil administration does not rule out the possibility that the installation has a predominantly military importance just as is the case with the so-called state reserve depots in the GDR. 25X1

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